



NITRO Clubs Transnational Project Meeting and Training for ICT Robo Olympics, organised in Košice, Slovakia

Kosice, Slovakia, 30.04.2023 – During the period 29-30.04.2023, the partner organizations within the Network of IcT Robo Clubs - NITRO Clubs project (EU2020-1-BG01-KA202-079200), financed under the Erasmus+ VET project, have took part in NITRO Clubs Transnational Project Meeting and Training for ICT Robo Olympics organized in Košice, Slovakia.

On the occasion of this project meeting, the members of the consortium of partners carried out a review of the latest intellectual products made within the NITRO Clubs project (IO5 and IO6) and reviewed the main aspects regarding the monitoring and dissemination of the already carried out and future activities, in in order to prepare the final report of the project.

Another topic addressed during the meeting consisted in establishing the methodology for organizing the closing conference of the project, scheduled to take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on the 09 of June 2023.

Being a hybrid event, the project manager Nayden Chivarov intervened in the remote meeting, via a streaming platform, to clarify the steps to follow in the implementation of the future activities of the project, to remind the partners of the need to contribute to the final report and to fulfill all the administrative requirements of the project in order to be included in the agreed deadlines within the Erasmus+ program.

Regarding the planning of Robo Olympics competitions, Daniel Hladek, from TUKE University, and Stefan Chivarov, from IICT-BAS, presented, step by step, the functionalities of the NITRO Clubs platform in order to create and manage Robo Olympics robotics competitions, which to be prepared and organized in each participating country.

Also, special importance was given to the dissemination component of the project. In this sense, Ioana Crihana, from ANBPR Romania, presented the main communication activities undertaken between November 2022 and April 2023, as well as the planning of the next opportunities for communication and dissemination of the project results identified for the next period until the end of the implementation period, namely the end of August 2023.

Stefan Chivarov, Technical Manager from IICT-BAS, explained in detail how to prepare and test the competition samples from the Robo Olympics competitions, both from a technical and logistical point of view, in order to optimally prepare the robotics competitions in a unitary way and according to the rules agreed within the consortium in each participating country.

The second day of the transnational meeting was dedicated to the Training for the organization of the Robo Olympics, aimed at the training of the competition participants. Designed to be held between May and June 2023, the Robo Olympics competitions aim to familiarize VET participants, including young people from vulnerable groups, with STEAM learning tools to ensure equal access to quality technology-enabled learning opportunities.

***About NITRO Clubs EU:** Strategic Erasmus+ project in the field of VET, involves the establishment of a network of robotics clubs in the 3 partner countries, to be supported and developed also after the implementation period by the robotics community of partners and collaborators. The project consortium consists of Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, Bulgaria, as leader, and Professional High School of Electrotechnics and Electronics "M.V.Lomonosov", Bulgaria, Profesionalna Gimnazia Po Elektrotehnika I Avtomatika, Bulgaria, Politehnica University of Bucharest, Romania, the National Association of Librarians and Public Libraries from Romania (ANBPR), Romania, Technicka Univerzita V Kosiciach, Slovakia, and Stredna Priemyselna Skola Elektrotechnicka, Slovakia, as partners.*

***About ANBPR:** The most representative professional association of librarians and public libraries in Romania, concerned with the well-being and professional performance of its members, with the evolution of the national cultural field and the substantive emancipation of communities. Starting from the basic principles of associative work – solidarity, cohesion, social engagement and competitiveness – ANBPR advocates for the support of quality education, the democratization of access to innovation and the awareness of the benefits of technology for heterogeneous categories of users of library services.*

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